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1. (U) Summary: Over the past week, Spain's Council of Ministers has named new, top-level government officials. We are presenting biographical information on these new officials in three parts to keep you informed of our new political interlocutors in the Spanish government. This cable provides biographical information for officials in the Office of President Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero and the Ministry of the Presidency headed by Maria Fernandez de la Vega. Both offices are collectively known as Moncloa. Bios on new official in Foreign Affairs, Defense, Interior, and Justice will be reported septel. End Summary

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The Office of the President  
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2. (SBU) The following are new officials in the Office of the President:

(A) JOSE ENRIQUE SERRANO MARTINEZ - Zapatero's Chief of Cabinet

Serrano was born in Madrid in 1949. He is a former professor in the Faculty of Law at the Complutense University of Madrid. He was secretary general of the Complutense University

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of Madrid, director general of personnel at the Ministry of Defense, and secretary general of the vice president of the government. In 1993, Serrano was secretary general and assistant director of the vice president of the government, and later, director of cabinet of President Felipe Gonzales. Between 1997 and 2000, Serrano served as director of the cabinet of the then-secretary general of the Spanish Socialist

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Worker's Party (PSOE), Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero.

(B) CARLOS CASAJUANA PALET - Director of the Department for International Policy and Security (essentially replaces Alberto Carnero, who held this position in the Aznar government)

Carlos Casajuana was born in Barcelona in 1954. He has a degree in law and economic sciences. He joined the Spanish diplomatic corps in 1980. He has served in Bolivia, the Philippines, and the United Nations. Casajuana was chief of the Technical Cabinet of the Secretary General of Foreign Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1996, Casajuana was appointed ambassador to Malaysia. In March 2001, he was Spain's permanent representative in the Political and Security Committee of the Western European Union.

(C) NICHOLAS MARTINEZ-FRESNO Y PAVIA - Secretary General of the Presidency of the Government

Martinez-Fresno was born in 1935 in Segovia. He holds a degree in law and joined the Spanish diplomatic service in 1966. He served in Iraq, Czechoslovakia, and Spain's Permanent Mission to the United Nations. He was assistant director of state protocol and director of protocol for the President Felipe Gonzalez. In 1990, Martinez-Fresno was named ambassador to Belgium and, later, ambassador to Argentina. Later, Martinez-Fresno was inspector general in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Spain's consul general in Rome. Since 2003, Martinez-Fresno has been ambassador in charge of the coordination of environmental offices at the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs.

(D) MIGUEL SEBASTIAN GASCO - Director of the Economic Office of the Presidency of the Government

Sebastian was born in 1957 in Madrid. He holds a doctoral degree in economic sciences from the Complutense University of Madrid and doctoral degree in economy from the University of Minnesota. He was a professor of the Foundation of the Economic Analysis at the Complutense University of Madrid.

He has worked in the Office of the Secretary of Public Property in the Bank of Spain. He was director general of InterMoney and director of the research department of the Spain's second largest bank, BBVA. Sebastian was also Zapatero's economic advisor and coordinated PSOE's economic program in the 2004 general elections.

(E) ENRIQUE GUERRERO SALOM - Assistant Director of the Cabinet of the Presidency of the Government

Guerrero was born in 1948 in Valencia. Guerrero holds a doctoral degree in political science. He was a professor of political science of the Complutense University of Madrid. He was technical secretary general, director of the Cabinet of the Ministers, and under secretary of the Ministry of Science and Education. In 1993, Guerrero served as under secretary for relations with the Spanish parliament and was assistant spokesperson for the National Institute of Public Administration.

(F) FRANCISCO JAVIER ARA CALLIZO - Director of the Infrastructure Department and Management of Crisis Situations

Ara Callizo was born in 1951. He holds the rank of colonel in Spanish Civil Guard. He has held positions in the headquarters of Special and Reserve Units, the General Staff, the Academy of Cabos, and Operative Unit of the Civil Guard. He has been chief of the Operations Department for the Office of Olympic Security during the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, head of the operation services in the cabinet of Coordination of the Secretary of State of the Interior and

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coordination desk officer in the office of coordinator of the National Plan on Drugs. Since January 1997, Ara Callizo has served as director of the Department of Security of the president of the government. Ara Callizo is married with four children.

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The Ministry of the Presidency  
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13. (SBU) The Ministry of the President manages Zapatero's relations with all other cabinet ministers. This Ministry is headed by the First Vice-President, Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega (see reftel).

MIGUEL BARROSO AYATS - Secretary of State of Communications.

Ayatts, 50, was born in Zaragoza. He holds a degree in law and modern and contemporary history. He is a career journalist. He was director general of cabinet of Minister of Science and Education, Jose Maria Maragall. Later, he worked in the private sector as a media consultant. Most recently, he worked for a company called FNAC, headquartered in Paris, and became its director general in Spain and, later, vice-president. Ayats is married with two children.  
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